

grid extension. Government proposes to electrify these villages through decentralized generation using non-conventional energy sources by the year 2012. The State-wise break-up and other details have not yet been worked out.

Review of self-employment programmes

*571. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review of the self-employment programmes being formulated and launched in various States during Eighth and Ninth Plans especially in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and achievement thereof; and

(c) what are the agencies/Government Departments monitoring the programmes?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The (erstwhile) self-employment Programmes *viz.* Integrated Rural Development Programme (launched in October, 1980), Training of Rural Youth for Self-employment Programme (launched in August, 1979), Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (launched in 1982-83), Supply of Improved Tool-kits to Rural Artisans (launched in July, 1992) and the Ganga Kalyan Yojana (launched in February, 1997), which were being implemented in rural areas of the country, including Orissa, were reviewed by a Committee constituted by the Planning Commission which submitted its Report in April, 1997 and, *inter alia*, made the following recommendations in respect of the self-employment programmes:

- IRDP would, as the single self-employment programme, be targetted to families living Below the Poverty Line in rural areas.
- Sharing of funding between the Centre and the States should be in the ratio of 80:20 or 75:25.

- Quantum of subsidy should be standardised for all categories of beneficiaries, at Rs. 7500. The project cost should range between Rs. 25000 to 50000.
- There should be concerted effort to move away from individual beneficiary approach to a group approach.
- A cluster approach should be preferred, wherein a few specified activities are identified for assistance in an area.
- Supply of Improved Tool-kits to Rural Artisans (SITRA) should be financed from within the IRDP in consonance with its funding pattern, rather than being a separate Scheme.
- The States should take up one or two trades for intensive research and develop SITRA specific to these trades.
- Intervention towards skill upgradation of the rural artisans and marketing of their finished products would have to be strengthened commensurately.
- TRYSEM would be a part of IRDP and not a separate sub-scheme.
- Training would have to be given a sharper employment focus.
- The training package under TRYSEM would be extended to other self-employment programmes which are targeted towards skill upgradation of poor families.
- DWCRA would continue as a separate sub scheme; Group strategy under DWCRA should be the main plank for achieving 40% reservation for women under the IRDP.

2. Pursuant to the above recommendations, the self-employment Programmes were restructured and a holistic Programme, the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), was launched with effect from 1st April, 1999.

The financial and physical achievement under the earlier self-employment Programmes during 1997-98 and 1998-99 and under the SGSY during 1999-2000 are given below:

<i>IRDP</i>		
Items	1997-98	1998-99
Total families assisted	17.07 lakhs	16.77 lakhs
SubsRJy disbursed	Rs. 863.11 crores	Rs. 881.63 crores
Credit disbursed	Rs. 1996.64 crores	Rs. 2174.06 crores

TRYSEM

Items	1997-98	1998-99
Total No. of Trainees	2.51 lakhs	2.23 lakhs
Funds utilized	Rs. 80.74 crores	Rs. 74.79 crores

*DWCRA**

Items	1997-98	1998-99
No. of Groups formed	36,436	46,916
No. of women benefited	4.60 lakhs	5.77 lakhs
No. of Groups started IGA	27,532	27,387
No. of women started IGA	3.54 lakhs	2.73 lakhs
Central Assistance provided	Rs. 29.91 crores	Rs. 94.16 crores

*For Income Generating Activities (IGA) only.

SITRA

Items	1997-98	1998-99
No. of Tool kits distributed	1.62 lakhs	2.47 lakhs
Funds utilized	Rs. 34.27 crores	Rs. 55.56 crores

GKY

Items	1997-98
Funds released	Rs. 99.99 crores
Individual Projects	6142
Group Projects	1536

(All projects were taken up from out of the funds released during 1996-97 and 1997-98. No funds were released 1998-99; some of the projects started during 1997-98 were completed during 1998-99)

SGSY

Items	1999-2000
Total No. of Groups assisted	29,017
No. of Swarozgaris benefited including Members of Groups	9.34 lakhs
Total subsidy disbursed	Rs. 541.70 crores
Total credit disbursed	Rs. 1056.46 crores

3. At the Central level, the Central Level Co-ordination Committee (CLCC) monitors and reviews the implementation of the SGSY and lays down Guidelines for all aspects related to credit linkages for the Programme. At the State level, a State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) monitors the programme, which is periodically reviewed through reports and returns forwarded by the DRDAs and the State authorities. Implementation of the Programme is also monitored through the Project Directors' Workshops and through meetings with the State Secretaries and concerned officials. At the Block/DRDA level, the requisite monitoring is effected through Field Visits and physical verification of Assets.

4. The Area Officers of the Ministry of Rural Development undertake tours to the various States/UTs from time to time for

on the-spot assessments of the Programme. The Vigilance and Monitoring Committees comprising Government officials, Public representatives and NGOs at the State, District and Block levels also monitor the Programme.

Return of NRIs to India

*572. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Chief Minister has recently met the Union Home Minister and urged him to review the black-listed NRIs who are willing to return to India; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Chief Minister, Punjab did meet the Union Home Minister recently in this regard.

Foreigners, including persons of Indian origin holding foreign Citizenship, who have come to adverse notice and whose presence/ entry in the country is not considered desirable are placed in a negative list. They cannot obtain a visa without prior clearance. This list is reviewed at regular intervals to consider deletion/intention of names therefrom.

Implementation status of International Convention Hall and Auditorium Complex at Guwahati

*573 DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 510 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd November, 2000, and state the implementation status of the International Convention Hall and the Auditorium Complex at Guwahati for which the foundation stone was laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 9th July, 1999, alongwith the Sankardev Kalakhatra?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): The proposal for setting up of the International Convention Hall and Auditorium Complex at Guwahati